

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all pending claims. The statuses of the claims are set forth in parentheses. For those currently amended claims, underlined emphasis indicates insertions and ~~striketrough~~ emphasis (and/or double brackets) indicates deletions.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim ~~[[2]]~~9, wherein the received video stream was multicast on the first network.

4. (Previously Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim ~~[[2]]~~9, wherein the received video stream was unicast via the first network.

6. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim ~~[[1]]~~9, wherein the information analysis unit analyzes a transmission protocol of the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams.

7. (Previously Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim ~~[[1]]~~9, wherein:

the information analysis unit analyzes video contents of the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams based on scene description content of meta-data if the encoding scheme of the video stream is MPEG7; and

the decision unit permits the delivery if the video contents of the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams are previously set as deliverable contents under the criterion.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The video selection server according to claim 1,~~
~~wherein, if the received video stream contains a plurality of videos, the receiving unit~~
~~separates the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding~~
~~to the respective videos.~~ A video selection server for selectively relaying video
information, comprising:

a receiving unit to receive a video stream containing a plurality of videos of
different image qualities delivered via a first network and separate the received
video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

an information analysis unit to analyze image qualities of the separated video
streams;

a decision unit to determine whether or not a result of analysis by the
information analysis unit fulfills a criterion related to a permitted image quality
indicated in a request from a client on a second network and to judge whether to
permit delivery of the separated video streams to the client; and

a transmitting unit to transmit, to the client, the separated video streams of
which the delivery to the client has been permitted by the decision unit.

10. (Currently Amended) A video delivery system for delivering a video stream,
comprising:

an encoder to encode captured video to obtain a video stream containing a
plurality of videos of different image qualities and deliver the video stream via a first
network; and

a video selection server to receive the video stream delivered via the first
network, separate the received video stream into a plurality of video streams
corresponding to the respective videos, ~~analyze at least an encoding scheme of the~~

~~received video stream image qualities of the separated video streams, determine whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion related to a permitted encoding scheme image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, judge whether to permit delivery of the received video stream to a second network separated video streams to the client, and transmit, to a plurality of requesting clients on the second network the client, the video stream separated video streams of which the delivery to the second network client has been permitted, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting clients if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified number.~~

11. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 10, wherein the video selection server has a multi-stage configuration such that the video stream transmitted from a preceding-stage video selection server is delivered to a succeeding-stage video selection server.

12. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 11, wherein the succeeding-stage video selection server includes a plurality of video selection servers connected to the preceding-stage video selection server.

13. (Currently Amended) A video selection method for selectively relaying video information, the method comprising:

receiving a video stream containing a plurality of videos of different image qualities delivered via a first network;

separating the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

analyzing at least an encoding scheme of the ~~received video stream~~ separated video streams;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion ~~relating~~ related to a permitted encoding scheme image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, to judge whether to permit delivery of the ~~received video stream to a second network~~ separated video streams to the client; and

~~transmitting, to a plurality of requesting clients on the second network the client, the video stream~~ separated video streams of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the requesting client if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified number, and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the number thereof is greater than the specified number.

14. (Previously Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium recording a video selection program, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a video stream containing a plurality of videos of different image qualities delivered via a first network;

separating the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

analyzing at least an encoding scheme of the ~~video stream~~ separated video streams;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion ~~relating~~ related to a permitted encoding scheme image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, to judge whether to permit delivery of the ~~received video stream to a second network~~ separated video streams to the client; and

~~transmitting, to a plurality of requesting clients on the second network the client, the video stream~~ separated video streams of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted, wherein the video stream is unicast to each of the

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~~requesting client if the number thereof is equal to or smaller than a specified number,
and wherein the video stream is multicast to the plurality of requesting clients if the
number thereof is greater than the specified number.~~